

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT TO DROUGHT AFFECTED FAMILIES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to provide work to only one person of the families of drought affected areas under the 'food for work scheme';
- (b) if so, the rules being enforced by the Government to provide work to the people belonging to families consisting of four, five or more members under the above scheme;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that families consisting of more than one member are not getting any benefit of the aforesaid scheme; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in each State of the country for the welfare of such people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (d): The Food for Work Programme was implemented during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02. It was discontinued w.e.f 1.4.2002 and a Special Component has been introduced in its place under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for augmenting food security through additional wage employment in the calamity affected rural areas after due notification by the State Government and its acceptance by the Ministry of Agriculture / Ministry of Home Affairs. Foodgrains released under the Special Component are given free of cost to the States/UTs and can be used in any Central or State scheme which has wage employment potential. The cash component is met from the Schemes in which the foodgrains are utilized. Wages will be partly in cash and partly in foodgrains. It is open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual and unskilled work in and around their village in the calamity affected areas. When the resources are limited, rationing may be necessary.